



Meeting of the Greenwood Common Council

DATE: February 23, 2022
TIME: 7:00 pm.
PLACE: Council Chambers Greenwood City Center
300 S. Madison Ave Greenwood, Indiana

- I. **Call Meeting to Order:** President Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in person and virtually via Zoom.

A. **Pledge of Allegiance**

B. **Prayer:** Chaplain Fred Madren from Neuro Diagnostic Institute and Advance Treatment Center

C. **Roll Call:** Roll Call of the Common Council was taken.

Council Members Present: Ron Bates ("Mr. Bates"), Mike Campbell ("Mr. Campbell"), Drew Foster ("Mr. Foster"), Linda Gibson ("Ms. Gibson"), Ezra Hill ("Mr. Hill"), David Hopper ("Mr. Hopper"), David Lekse ("Mr. Lekse"), Brad Pendleton ("Mr. Pendleton"), Mike Williams ("Mr. Williams")

City Officials Present: Mark Myers ("Mayor Myers"), Terry McLaughlin ("Mr. McLaughlin") Deputy Mayor, Greg Wright ("Mr. Wright") Controller, Jeannine Myers ("Ms. Myers") City Clerk, Dale Davis ("Mr. Davis") Plan Director, Kelsey Sannella ("Ms. Sannella") Assistant City Attorney, Darin Hoggatt ("Chief Hoggatt") Fire Chief, James Ison ("Chief Ison") Police Chief

II. **Approval of Minutes**

A. Minutes from regular meeting on February 7, 2022

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes from February 7, 2022 by Bates, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Abstain- Foster

Motions passes 8-0

III. **Reports**

A. **Corporation Counsel**

Kelsey Sannella, Assistant City Attorney noted that the IDEM Semi-Monthly was posted on SharePoint for review and if there were any questions to contact Shawna Koons.

B. **Controller**

Mr. Wright said that the state statute allows the City to look annually at checks that are older than two years and put those funds back in the funds from which they were written. It does not allow for those it was written to to come and ask for a new check to be written but it does allow the City to remove those checks from the books and the expectation of it debiting those accounts.

Motion to receipt checks back to operating balances by Bates, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

C. **Committee & Board Reports**

IV. Public Comments

Andrea Sutherland with the Greenwood Social provided a summary of 2021. [See link.](#)

Motion to approve the Greenwood Social contract for 2022 of \$40,000 (\$20,000 from the Mayor's office and \$20,000 from the Council) and to allow Mr. Campbell to sign on behalf of the Council by Bates, seconded by Foster

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

Steve Roskowski with the Community Band provided a summary for 2021. Covid left the band without an indoor rehearsal space. One member found an opportunity with Simon Properties to use an empty store with an outdoor access at the Greenwood Mall. The Parks Department contacted him in January asking if they wanted to use the amphitheater like they did the year before. He thanked the Parks Department for all of their support. They had three outdoor concerts at the amphitheater and played at Garfield Park in Indianapolis. At the end of summer they hosted bands from round the state. He thanked the Parks Department, the schools and anyone else who helps the band bring music to the community.

Motion to approve the Community Band contract for 2022 of \$5,000 by Gibson, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

V. Ordinances and Resolutions

A. Notice of Intent to Consider

B. First Reading

C. Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 22-01 AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ESTABLISH A GREENWOOD CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND PURSUANT TO IND. CODE § 36-9-15.5 (Sponsored by Gibson and Bates)

Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 22-01 by Gibson, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 22-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL TO ADOPT THE WRITTEN FISCAL PLAN FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 67.2 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF COUNTY LINE ROAD ALONG COMBS ROAD, Referencing Annexation Ordinance No. 22-02 (Sponsored by Hopper)

Motion to pass second reading for Res No. 22-01 by Hopper, seconded by Foster

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

ORDINANCE NO. 22-02 AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, INDIANA, PLACING IT WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES AND MAKING IT A PART OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD AND REDEFINING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, INDIANA TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATELY 67.2 ACRES LOCATED IN THE AREA OF E. COUNTY LINE ROAD AND N. COMBS ROAD (Various Owners) (Sponsored by Hopper)

Mr. Pendleton provided some numbers that illustrates the gap in public safety. [See link.](#)

Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 22-02 by Foster, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Williams

Nays- Pendleton

Motions passes 8-1

ORDINANCE NO. 22-03 AN ORDINANCE VACATING PLATTED INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT AND PLATTED DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT IN SATURN PARK LOTS A1 AND A2 BLOCK A (Sponsored by Campbell)

Motion to pass second reading for Ord No. 22-03 by Foster, seconded by Hopper

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY (MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT) FOR TAX ABATEMENT (Sarnova HC, LLC) (Sponsored by Campbell and Hopper)

Motion to pass second reading for Res No. 22-02 by Gibson, seconded by Foster

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

VI. New Business - Introductions of New Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 22-05 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO BUDGET CLASSIFICATIONS 431 (\$73,660) AND 445 (\$9,730) FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PORTABLE RESPIRATOR FIT TESTER AND PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT (Sponsored by Bates and Gibson)

** Public Hearing Scheduled for March 7, 2022*

Mr. Wright said this is related to the money received from the Federal Government for the American Rescue Plan Act. Both of these items are related to public safety needs. The fit tester also includes a five year maintenance plan and warranty. The City has one currently but it is on its last leg. The radio coverage improvement is specifically with the mall property. There are a lot of dead zones in there with the type of construction. It benefits police and fire on responses within that property. Simon Properties has committed to contribute up to \$15,000 for that as well.

Motion to suspend the rules through first reading for Ord No. 22-05 by Gibson, seconded by Bates

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

Motion to pass first reading for Ord No. 22-05 by Gibson, seconded by Foster

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams

Motions passes 9-0

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREENWOOD AND PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, JOHNSON COUNTY REGARDING FIRE PROTECTION (Sponsored by Gibson)

Chief Hoggatt said this is done annually. The payment is \$12,000 annually for that service and the payment hasn't changed since he has been chief.

VII. Miscellaneous Business

A. Public Comments

Gary Mears, 2314 Blossom Dr., wanted to address a safety concern. On January 28, 2010 his son drove into a retention pond and was not able to be saved. He worked to instigate getting guardrails set up around the retention ponds in Greenwood. The rail that was put up around the pond where Michael lost his life was taken down and never replaced. He said he was in attendance to talk with the Council about putting that back up.

Mayor Myers said that they have talked with INDOT and requested to put that back up and if they don't replace it, the City will look at other manners of putting it back up.

Terry McLaughlin, James Ison and Greg Wright gave a rebuttal to Mr. Pendleton's comments about his safety concerns.

Ms. Gibson asked how much it costs the City to hire one officer or one new firefighter. Mr. McLaughlin said \$125,000 for an officer with a take home car and a bit less for a firefighter because they don't have a take home car.

Mr. Hopper said in a perfect world, the City would have 133 officers and 100 full time fire department personnel, how much extra AV would the City need to get to those numbers. Mr. Wright said the problem is the way the Indiana tax system works is you don't get money determined by what you need. You're set at your maximum levy and then they give you growth portion. So, we could double the AV of the City and still wouldn't get more money or only get the 3 or 4% growth of the year.

Mr. Foster commended Chief Ison on the job done following vacations.

Mr. Bates said that he appreciated all the dialog that took place. He wanted to go on record showing his support and that he has always been a proponent for fire and police protection. He believes that is the primary goal of local government and he will, to his best ability continue to support fire and police protection.

B. Council

Mr. Campbell said that he was glad that Mr. Foster was on the Council. He was the Council's appointee to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Council will need to find another appointee and he would like to have someone named by the next Council meeting.

2022 Conflict of Interests

Linda Gibson, Common Council Member, owner of Custom Plaques, which provides preparation and mounting of plaques, certificates and other awards for the City of Greenwood.

Melissa Weathers, Police Department Records Clerk, for her spouse Randall Weathers for any interest she may have in his earnings as a Stormwater Management Supervisor with the Stormwater Department.

Randall Weathers, Stormwater Management Supervisor, for his spouse Melissa Weathers for any interest he may have in her earnings as a Records Clerk with the Police Department.

Rex Saltsgaver, Police Department Detective, for his spouse Maureen Saltsgaver for any interest he may have in her earnings as a Records Clerk with the Police Department.

Robert Stecher, Firefighter/Paramedic, is the owner of Do It Right Diving LLC, which may be contracted for the purchase of dive-related equipment or to provide dive-related training services to the City from time to time.

Motion to approve the above Conflict of Interests by Bates, seconded by Lekse

Votes: Ayes- Bates, Campbell, Foster, Gibson, Hill, Hopper, Lekse, Pendleton, Williams


Motions passes 9-0

C. Other Miscellaneous

- i. Corporation Counsel: None
- ii. Controller: None
- iii. Mayor

Mayor Myers also gave a rebuttal to Mr. Pendleton's concerns on public safety. See [link](#) for video of Common Council meeting.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:54 pm


Council President


Clerk